GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1245
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2002
TN CONVERSION BILL
AJAY CHAKRABORTY;PRABODH PANDA;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have examined the provision of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion Bill;

(b) if so, whether this has created apprehensions among the minorities about curbing the individual`s Fundamental Rights to Religious Freedom;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI)

(a) to (d): The Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Forcible Conversion of Religion Bill, 2002 provides for prohibition of conversion from one religion to another by the use of force or allurement or by fraudulent means and for matters incidental thereto. The provisions of this Bill do not curb the individual`s Fundamental Right to Religious Freedom as provided in the Constitution of India.